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SOME STORIES OF **EXPLORER NANSEN**

Going to Show That He is a Many. Sided Man.

WAS ALMOST A YANKEE PROFESSOR.

Once He Was Near Going to Indiana Instead of Greenland -- His Discoveries in Other Fields Than the Arctic -- Some of His Feats on the Ice and Snow--His New House at Christiania.

From the New York Sun.

by Richard Heard. "It is not generally known," says Mr. Heard, that Nansen once came near relinquishing his North Pole project through the the peasants. The two brothers took it the peasants and heran to get proally known," says Mr. Heard, "that his North Pole project through the agency of a college in Indiana. While agency of a college in Indiana. While we were traveling through Indiana one ficient and tried going down hills. They day Nansen said:

"This is the place where I nearly became a college professor,' I asked him what he meant. He said: 'They offered me the professorship of zoology in the university here, and I came very near accepting it. I was then con-templating my first trip to Greenland, and it was a question with me as to whether I should go to America and take this professorship or undertake my expedition to Greenland. It required a great deal of deliberation, but finally I declined the professorship." "Nansen was as brilliant a boy as he

is a man. We started out the other for a quiet trip to Niagara to see the falls, and while in a trolley car Nansen was talking of mathematics. "'When I was a boy,' he said, 'I solved some problems which had never

before been solved. They thought they were going to make a mathematician of me. 'I said that was news to me, and

asked what were the problems. Then he hemmed and hawed, for he didn't remember the English word for expressing his meaning; but finally I asked him if he could tell me in German, 'Kegelschnitt,' he said-that is conic sections. It seems that Nansen, as a boy, succeeded in solving several problems in conic sections by means of geometry, and some of his solutions

are still used in the colleges of Norway. In his leisure moments he had a trial at squaring the circle. In his youth he also studied to be an artist, and carried his studies pretty far. He did a good deal of sketching and painting. This early practice is showing to good advantage in the charts which he exhibits at lectures and has led to the production of pictures of Arctic scene and color such as have never been equalled.

RANGE OF STUDIES.

"After these early studies he went in for zoology and took up other scientific pursuits. While at a banquet given Nansen some time ago Prof. Carl Lumholtz told me that before he had known Nansen as an explorer he had been studying a book on the nerve system of animals. In this book the author printed a new theory of the nervous system quite different from any previ-ously held. Since that time leading anatomists have proved that this theory was correct. The man who wrote that book was Nansen. A few days after the banquet I got hold of Nansen in the railroad car and asked him for an explanation of his discovery. He

the finest skaters in Norway.' AS A SKATER.

"Nansen maintains that the Norfor both figure skating and long distance. I didn't see how they were adapted to figure skating.

"The kind I used,' 'he said, "had scarcely any curve on the blade. They were flat as they rested on the ground, but very wide in the centre, tapering toward the point and heel. When you get that blade on the ice and get over on the side you have a curve; the skate gives the curve when you lean over, and some very remarkable fig-ures can be cut with them.'

Namen and his brother were born WHAT JOHN BULL LAUGHS AT. Some interesting stories of Fridtj and lived at Freen, their father's coun-of Nansen, the Arctic explorer, are told try place, in the outskirts of Christiania. There was a little hill there where they made their first attempt at ski running. Snowshoeing in those found they could use them for going down as well for making excursions through the mountains. They discovered, at the suggestion of an expert from the rural districts, that they could jump on them. The peasants generally had never jumped with them nor made such progress. The boys induced other fellows to take it up. In that way it became a sport in Christiania, and the Nangens did all they could to make it popular. Now the snowshoe meeting in February is the great ski meeting of the world.

"There is a very steen mountainside at Holemkollen, with a shoer descent of about 45 degrees. Half way down there is a wall built up, and the snow curves out to the edge of the wall. The snowsheers (ski-lobner) come down the hill at full speed, and when they strike this curve they shoot thirty feet in the air. The long jump record is 140 feet. When they again regain he ground there is no sudden jolt, but bey continue in nearly the same direc-

tion down the hillside. Both feet come lown about flat, and the knees are cent in order to land easily. I believe Nansen formed the first club of snowtion on Feb. 10 is a popular fete. The King always attends.

SNOWSHOES.

"Not only are the snowshoes wonshould be the length of the height of a man with his hands extended to full length, and are generally made of ash

barking around.

other day he told me the following:

drink it: it will kill you."

poison and would kill you?"

To Europe Six Times in Twelve

Years--Learned Six Languages.

A plucky American woman, who be-

twelve years. Earning a small salary

in a public school, she has taken pri-

vate pupils and lived frugally, and has

been able to go to Europe every other

Her first journey was made to Eng-

gan to study German, and at the end

of two years was ready for a journey

up the Rhine and to Vienna, and thence

through Dresden and Berlin to Bre-

only knew the Russian alphabet so as

to read the street signs, but could make

her own bargains with drosky drivers

and go about without a guide.

year for a two months' holiday.

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all?"

myself." '"

hours.

language

through the surface. "Nansen is building a new house,near the one where he now lives, in the have a bouquet from time to time in suburb of Christiania. It is a part of return for his cast-off clothes. It thus the large estate which belonged to his happened one day that he received a grandfather. It is on a hill near the bunch of the most beautiful roses, fjord, and the place is only twenty minutes from Christiania. He lives In sure anticipation of a friendly welvery simply. His dwelling is a long house of the special Norwegian type. the same evening, and was not a little made of small logs carefully joined surprised at the frosty reception he together. These houses are not finished met with. up inside with lining for two years after building, in order to allow the

never get time for it any more. When I was 16 years old I devoted much time cling expenses. Starting with a painsto the art. I defeated the champion of taking study of the language of the Norway in a long distance contest. I country which she was to visit, and used to be quite fond of figure skat- also preparing herself by a course of ing, and so was my wife; she is one of the finest skaters in Norway.' sible use of her time abroad. The reward for all this energy and

perseverance has come in her thirtieth year. Her knowledge of foreign languages has fitted her for broader work as a teachea, and she has left the pub-lic schools to take a position as instuctor in French, German and Italian in a high school for young women. There may be higher aims than those ordinarily involved in foreign travel, but the persistency of this American girl in carrying out her plans is worthy of praise. It is a great gain in any human life, if it is governed by a definite purpose and keeps that purpose steadily in mind.

The Funniest Anecdotes That Are

Told. A pompous bishop was having his portrait painted, and after sitting for an hour in silence he thought he would break the monotony. "How are you getting along?" he inquired. To his astonishment the artist, absorbed in his work, replied: "Move your head a little to the right, and shut your mouth." Not being accustomed to such a form of advice, his lordship asked: May I ask why you address me in that manner?" The artist, still absorbed in his work-"I want to take off a little of your cheek."

A sultan once offered a golden ball for lying. Many lied to him, but the sultan replied that he could himself lie better. Finally an aged man from Angora appeared before him with a large jar on his shoulder. "Your father." he said, "borrowed a jar like this full of gold from my father, and said that you would repay the gold to his son." "Impossible," said the sultan.

"If the story be true," replied the pilgrim, "pay your father's debt; if impossible, I have won the golden ball." The sultan at once awarded him the prize.

At a recent reception given by Lord and Lady Llangattock, at the Hotel Cecil, London, in honor of a political association, a delegate was strolling sheers in Norway, and he was very prominent in this club. The celebra-espied disappearing in the distance a portly gentleman whom he thought he recognized as a genial colleague not scen since the last conference. He hastened his steps and felt convinced that he was right. Then he stole forward derful for jumping, but the skilled silently, and thinking to give his friend, riders go through the woods, among who seemed lost in meditation, a pleasthe trees, winding paths, and even over ant surprise he bestowed him a pretty the rocks. You would think they were slap on the back saying: "Hallo, old going to dash out their brains as they go down a wild slope. In jumping you, ch?" The portly gentleman turned down you imagine you are going to sink a foot in snow, but the long ski guished features of the Marquis of Sasink a foot in snow, but the long sta-hold the weight, and you glide on. The beginner can seldom tell how he will land. He may land with his feet in the statistic statistic statistics of the statistics of the single statistic statistics of the statistics of the lisbury. England's premier, who said, smiling pleasantly: "Yes, thank you, politics does continue to agree with the statistic statistics of the s the air, head first in the snow. These me," The delegate was horror-struck skiers become very expert. They can climb fences with the ski on. The ski apology and beat a hasty retreat.

A young gentleman whose gallantry was largely in excess of his pecuniary r pine. Nansen says he has walked means sought to remedy this defect on thin ice on his ski where dogs broke and save the money required for the purchase of expensive flowers by arranging with a gardener to let him

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Twice she had four at a birth, and trip-

lets four time. The proportion of twins in each 1,000 births in England, France,

A New Form of Sail Boat.

A new sailing vessel, termed the "um-

brella boat," or boat with a cyclone sail, has been very conspicuous at Cowes and in the Solent. The chief feature of this

huge umbrella rigged above the boat is, it is aid, that "the wind pressure does not tend to incline the boat. When the wind

is making a large angle with the sail the center of pressure is almost at the center of the surface, but when the wind strikes

the sall at an acute angle, as in all sails or kites, the center of pressure moves to-

ward the weather edge; but, by suitably

ing the mast, and which is just sufficient to balance the dead weight of sail in a calm, not including the boat. The sail

an be set and furled in a minute; it does

not close fike an umbrella, but each side shuts up like a fan. The object of the sail is to be able to sail without inclining

the boat, so that the limit of driving force is not governed by the stability of the boat in any way, and also that the

boat, sailing on an even keel, has less re-sistance than when sailing with a list. The sail of a boat, illustrated in the jour-

nal, measures 30 feet horizontally and 16 fret up and down, while the total length of the boat is only 17 feet on the water

of canvas was found too much for this boat, but with the umbrella sail she car-

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From the Scientific Arrerican.

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said:

'That was when I was curator of the Museum of Anatomy in Bergen. made a special study of the animal brain and examined thousands of brains microscopically. That was the happlest time of my life, and I should like to go back to it now. Well, I discovered that the seat of the soul in animals, contrary to the human brain. was not in the nerve centre, where it had been supposed to be, but at an-other point of the brain.' He then vent into technical detail which would hardly be understood by the layman Then he said: 'I printed that theory, although it was absolutely opposed to everything suggested or heard of hefore that time. I wrote the original book in English."

Why did you do that?" I asked. He explained that he preferred to write scientific books in French, German or English, and said:

'I know that if I were to write it in any of these three languages every scientist of repute must read it, inasmuch as any one failing to read such works would be considered behind the But, written in Norwegian. Hungarian or other languages, scienlific men would have the excuse of not being able to read the work; so I wrote it in English."

"One time I said something about skating, and Nansen exclaimed:

'I haven't skated for seventeen years.' I remarked that it was about time he took it up again. 'Well,' he said, 'I am proud of my skating, but



the known as the "Finest." The modern policeman does not proclaim his coming to the evil doer by shouting or by carrying a lantern. He does his work more quietly and effectively than the old-fash quietly and effectively ioned town watchman.

It is thus that in all the walks of life and At is thus that in all the walks of life and in all occupations, times change and knowl-edge and efficiency increase. In this re-spect medical science has kept pace with the advance in other lines. Physicians and chemists have grown rapidly more skillful. There are medicinal preparations now-a-days that cure diseases that were a few wears are considered abwelutely incurable years ago considered absolutely incurable. The final triumph in this respect is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It was first given to the world thirty years ago, and has stood the test ever since that time. It cures of per cent, of all cases of consumption, bronchial, throat and kindred affections. Thousands who were hopeless sufferers, and had been given up by the doctors, have testified to its marvelous merits. It is the great blood maker and flesh-builder. It makes the appetite hearty, the direction and assimilation prefer the fiesh-builder. It makes the appetite hearty, the digestion and assimilation perfect, the liver active, the blood pure and rich with the life-giving elements of the food, and the merves strong and steady. It acts directly on the lungs and air-passages, driving out all impurities and disease germs. An hon-est-dealer will not try to persuade you to take an inferior substitute for the sake of a few pennies added proft. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure consti-

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure consti-

"You sent me a note today," the young lady remarked after a pause, in logs to settle permanently. It is surthe most frigid tones rounded by a palisade of rough pine. "I-a note?" he inquired, in blank as-

There are always two or three dogs tonishment. "Certainly, along with a nosegay. "Nansen's necuniary returns from his "To be sure. I sent you a nos:gay. books and lectures are said to be large. "And there was this note inside; do yet he is a most abstemious man and

ou still mean to deny it?" his way of living is simple in the ex-treme. He is a hard worker and keeps With these words she handed the dumbfounded swain a scrap of paper at it almost night and day. He is not on which the following words were of a melancholy disposition and tells written "Dont: forget the old troushumorous stories on occasion. The ets you promised me the other day.'

"'My friend, Mr. Dick,' he said, 'has There is an amusing story of how shooting box in the highlands in Sheridan retallated a slight put upon Norway. One time when he was going him when his charming comedy, "The away he left it in charge of a Nor-School for Scandal," was first put upon wegian peasant. A quantity of wood the stage. One night, when the audialcohol which had partly been used ence at Drury Lane was uproariously for the lamps during the summer was manifesting its enjoyment. Cumberleft in the lodge. "Be careful," he said, "and use this only for fuel. Don't land, the author of tragedies and heavy pieces, sat in the stage box; and it was observed that he never even "'In looking over the stores when smiled during the performance. When he returned he found it was all gone.

the play was over, he remarked he "Have you used all these spirits?" was much surprised that the audience he asked, "Didn't I tell you it was should laugh so immoderately at what could not even make him smile. This "'"I know you did," said the peassarcasm was soon repeated to Sheridan, who replied, "Cumberland's too

"." How did you come to drink it bad. He's really ungrateful not to smile at my comedy; for only a fort-""Well, there were some tough night ago I saw a tragedy of his at horse dealers came up here and stayed lovent Garden, and I laughed from bearound, and I treated them to some ginning to end. His tragedy would of this methylated spirit. I found it have made Diogenes laugh." did not kill them, so I thought if it was good for them, I would drink it

Even the casual observer could see that the men had been indulging too freely in the flowing bowl. The pair made their way along the street rather unsteadily. They were men of the laboring class, but, nevertheless, seemed to be jolly fellows. Finally one said: 'Jerry, I'm 'nebriated." The other replied, after some hesigan to support herself at eighteen, has shown how a poor school teacher can see Europe to the best advantage in tation: "I don't know what you mean, Of course you have a better Tom.

drunk.'

education than I had, but I know yer A boy, apparently much agitated rushed into a house recently and said:

'I don't want to alarm yer, but I have land and Scotland, and was enjoyed so got big news. The man sent me up from the livery stable to tell yerkeenly that she planned another one and saved money for it during the "Good heavens! What is it?" 'Why, you know yer little boy, Aleck, next two years. The second tour was what the men can't keep outer the livthrough France, Belgium and Holland,

and in order to travel comfortably she ery stable 'round the corner?" Yes, well?" learned French during her leisure "I told Aleck just now not to go inter Returning to her school work she be-

the stable 'mong the horses, but he up to builton his coat. "Oh dear! What has happened?"

"He said he wanted to see what a mule would do when you tickled his

men. With renewed ardor she plunged heels with a straw." "Oh. heavens!" gasped the lady, and into the study of Italian, and at the lung to the mantel for support. end of two years she started for Rome. "Well, then, your Aleck got a straw, She made the round of the Italian cities, and spent a fortnight in Switsnuck up behin' a sorrel mule, tickled him on the heels, andzerland. Two years afterward she was The lady started for the door. in Spain, and was able to speak the

'An' the blamed critter never lifted a hoof," said the boy. "Never as much During the last year she has made as switched his tall. It's a her sixth journey to Europe, traveling mighty through Denmark, Norway and Swe-den to Russia, and spending a fort-an' I thought I'd come up and tell yer." night in Moscow. She carried with her And he dodged out at the side ena fair knowledge of Swedish and not trance.

Couldn't See Them Starve. Bowery Staggers (wiping his eyes)-

'Cuse me, mum, but I can't see my wife A ten children starvin' t' death. Can you assist me?" Miss Wellment-"Here's a dollar for them. Where do they live?" Bowery Staggers-"T'ankin' you kindly, In the course of twelve years she has made aix journeys to Europe and learned to speak six modern languages,

and she has supported herself entirely Bowery Staggers-by her earnings as a school teacher. miss. dev lives in

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TALES OF THE SMOKING ROOM.

erybody is so ready to sneer at the man

who goes fishing. He may tell the solemn truth forty times over, but no one be-

"But he never tells the truth," replied

"I can't see why you doubt it. He goes fishing. He either catches fish or he dcesn't. Why lie about it? Why should

I lie about the fish I once caught in Lake

"To make him weigh more, of course

"But I didn't care whether he weighed four ounces or a ton" holy exclaimed the red-nosed man, "I always told the

solchen truth in regard to his weight, but I have always been doubted. If I had said that I killed a grizzly bear with

a potato-masher, I should have found plenty of believers." "So you caught a fish, ch? Well, he

No, sir." "Well, make it eighty."

say so. What was the estimate?

about uneasily he said:

nerve back again.

BADLY SCARED.

the New York drummer in the corner.

From the Pocket Magazine.

lieves him.

pounds?'

No. sir."

and get sight of the snake. I did so, and then I stopped turning gray." "Was he dead?" "No, sir. Some one had thrown a lariat "Speaking of fish," said the man with be red nose, as he suddenly roused up "but I never could understand why ev-

icross my legs, and there wasn't a snake within a miles of me. I have always been sorry that I didn't wait a little longer, so that all my hair would have turned, but we can't help those things, you know. I did the best I could ,and later on, should any of you wish to ask questions, you will find me in seat No. 8

along with the best looking woman or the train." -0-A SERIOUS AFFAIR. "I used to be something of a joker the days gone by," said the man with

the double chin as he put up his memor-andum book and became suddenly interested, "but something happened about three years ago which brought me up with a round turn." "Didn't blow into the barrel of a gun

to see if it was loaded?" queried one of the crowd. "Oh, no. It was in Columbus, Ohlo. I Saw

was a whopper, of course? No scales were big enough to weigh him on. You estimated his weight al, say, sixty entered a small machine-shop where an old man was at work fitting keys, and announced that I was a lawyer and had \$20,000 to give him as a legacy from his brother.

"And the sudden good news broke his "An even hundred pounds, then. I don't believe Lake George grows anything heart and he fell dead, of course?" "You are wrong, sir, His brother Australia was dead, and he had been expecting a legacy. He laid down his tools, said he would see me later and bigger." "You are mistaken, sir. A dozen dif-ferent people saw that fish and estimated left the shop. Half an hour later he was drunk. Going home, he seized his wife and danced around in a hilarious manits weight. Not one of them put it at less than----" "Go on. If I think you a liar I won't ner, and both fell downstairs and were

> that time I have left joking alone. In fact, I never even smile," "Are you supporting those

per week to take care of them. "Let me shake hands with you. Thanks, You are a good man and a truthful man, "Gentlemen, I feel that some explana-tion is due you. The fact is, I started to and it does me good to touch your hand. If I have said anything in the way of a joke to tempt you to smile. I beg you to forgive me. Press onwards-press upwards. There is room at the top-for man of imagination."

> We had been talking about the Arkan-sas mosquito, when the man with the Henry Clay cigar chipped in and said: "Gentlemen, I am just going back North after spending three months in Arkan-

three hours, thinking every moment would be my last. I shall never get my

ali telling about seeing some very

ror I suddenly decided to lift my head large ones, but I saw one which goes ahead of anything." "Was he as large as a blue bird?" "Oh, no! That would be monstrous.

German and Scotland, thirteen and in "As large as a humming bird, then?" "No. Gentlemen, I propose to stick to Ireland, seventeen. One hundred and sixty triplets and eight quadruples ocfacts. You have all seen grasshoppers. cur in each 1,000,030 births. of course? This particular mosquito was as large as the largest grasshopper you

ever saw." "That was a bird of a 'skeeter," drily

observed one of the crowd. "Just so," replied the story teller, "not one of you credit me, and realizing that this would be the case I took all due

precautions. "In other words, you captured him?"

"I did. "And bottled him up?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you have that bottle with you?" "I have, Just wait a minute." The man went to his seat and his sat-chel and returned with a pint bottle in which there was an insect. "There's the animal referred to," he said, as he held it up to view. "Isn't it

adjusting the sail, the desirable result of obliterating all heeling movement has been achieved. In practice this has been big as the biggest grasshopper you ever obtained by putting more sail to the le-ward than to the windward of the mast, "It is a grasshopper!" exclaimed the and also by placing the sail not quite at

crowd in chorus. "It can't be?"

"But It is.

right angles to the mast, but more raised on the lee side. The sail is made oval, with the major axis horizontal, so as "Gentlemen, a negro caught it for me and assured me that it was a mosquito -one of those which had lifted me out of to be able to carry more sail with a defi-nite height of mast. The training in a horizontal direction is accomplished by the bed during the night. Can there be no mistake? Are you sure it's a grassmeans of a turntable, and the elevating and lowering by two tacles. There is a balance weight which helps in elevathopper?

"Of course we are!" "It's singular, but I must take your word for it. I will shake him out of the window and let him go. There—that's it, and now, gentlemen, do any of you wish to take the bottle and get it filed at the

Twins Fifteen Times.

From Tit-Bits. In 1892 the Chester Chronicle recorded the death, from old age, of Mr. John Jonas, furniture broker, Cheater, De-ceased, who had been married fifty-three years, had had thirty-three children. years, had had thirty-three children, thirty of them twins. Fifteen times was Mrs. Jonas the happy mother of twins. She survived her husband, and at his death was in her seventy-seventh year. From investigations made by Dr. Cory, of St. Thomas' hospital, it appears that the tendency to give birth to twins fre-quently runs in certain families, and out of seventeen cases he found that in thir-teen there had been previous births of twins among near relatives of either the

ries 359 feet of canvas and sails much A light boat, especially adapted for this sail, is being built by Messrs. Thorny-croft, of Cheswick, England, the well-known manufacturers of torpede boats.

family was recorded by another doctor which showed twins in each of four suc-cessive generations, namoly: First gen-eration, A had twins, Second genera-tion, B, daughter of A, had twins. Third generation, C, daughter of B, had twins. Fourth generation, E, b, had twins. Fourth generation, E, twin daughter of D, had twins. A wo-man in Vienna, the wife of a weaver, is stated to have had thirty-two children. His Grave Doubts. From the Chicago Becord. Dudely-"Do you think Miss Elderkin is zerious in her intentions regarding me?" Chumleigh-"You bet I do." Dudely-"Well, say now, honestly, do you think she means matrimony or adep-tion?"

twins among near relatives of either the father or the mother. One case of a family was recorded by another doctor

HE HAD THE PROOFS.

sas. As to the mosquitoes, one hardly dares speak of their size and ferocity. Some of them bite in a way to do credit to a dog.

"How large a one did you see down there?" was asked. "Um! If I go into particulars I shall be charged with exaggeration. You have "And after three hours some of the party returned?" "No. After three hours of mortal ter-

killed, leaving six orphan children to be cared for by the cold, cruel world, Since

"Six ounces!" said the red-nosed man. as a chill shook his frame and he stood

phans?" asked the man with the Roman

over the right car noticed that we were all looking at him, and after moving

next station? Please rinse before using.

The black-haired man with a gray spot "Of course, Yes, it is costing me \$50

turn gray with fright about five years ago, but changed my mind after pro-ceeding thus far." "What occasioned the fright?" asked the man with the double watch chain. "I was out on the plains of Kansa with a party of hunters. One morning

with a party of functions, one morning i awoke to find they had gone out after wild horses and left me alone, and that a serpent was lying across my legs." "Whew! but you were in a bad fix!" "It seemed that way to me. Rattle-snakes were plenty, and i felt this was a big one. I was terribly frightened, know-ing that if I moved or called out he would strike his fangs into me. I hay for